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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Trimble et al** [US. 6,788,199] in view of **Crabtree et al** [US. 6,788,199].

Regarding claims 1-5, **Trimble et al** disclose a security system with an object locator (central monitoring station in a resident [0102]; home security system [0134]; figs. 1, 1a, 1b), comprising: a user interface device including user input/output (switches 15 and indicator 34 in fig. 2; key input and display in [0102]); a memory storing identifiers for electronic tags (inherent); a control responsive to the user input for retrieving from the memory the identifier for the electronic tag associated with the selected object; and a transmitter responsive to the control for transmitting a wireless signal encoded with the retrieved identifier to a component in the security system ([0058], [0061]).

Trimble et al label the select switches with descriptive information for objects to be selected and searched. **Crabtree et al** teach a safety and security system (sensing accelerated movement of a patient, a child in danger of water, detecting fire; col. 14, lines 25-67) with an article locator (col. 15, lines 15-60) comprising a user interface device storing and displaying the descriptive information to enable the user to select at

least one of the plurality of objects via user input component (fig. 4). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the teaching of **Crabtree et al** to **Trimble et al** interface device for the convenient of the user storing a plurality of object identifiers in a small locator device.

Regarding claims 6-8, **Crabtree et al** (col. 15, lines 15-60) teach the user input for storing in memory string of characters and numbers representing the tags identifiers and editing via user input descriptive information for the plurality of objects.

Regarding claims 9-10, **Trimble et al** teach both inanimate objects and living beings ([0006]).

Regarding claims 11-15, the combined **Trimble** and **Crabtree et al** disclose a method for operating the system of claims 1-10 above.

Regarding claims 16-21, **Trimble et al** disclose programmed controlled microprocessor to perform the method of claims 11-15 (fig. 10; [0064]-[0072]). **Crabtree et al** teach the system having automated functions (col. 2, line 51 through col. 3, line 24) therefore program storage is inherent.

Regarding claims 22-23, **Trimble et al** disclose an electronic tag for use with an object locator feature of a security system comprising: a memory for storing an identifier (inherent), a receiver for receiving a wireless signal encoded with an identifier, a control for comparing the stored and the received identifiers (detect the address code and validate the address [0074]), and a sounder for emitting an audible signal when stored identifier matches the received identifier ([0073]-[0078]).

Regarding claims 24-26, **Crabtree et al** disclose a security system having an object scheduled polling feature that can be set by the user (real-time clock; col. 23 line 7- col. 24 line 21; Table 2).

Response to Arguments

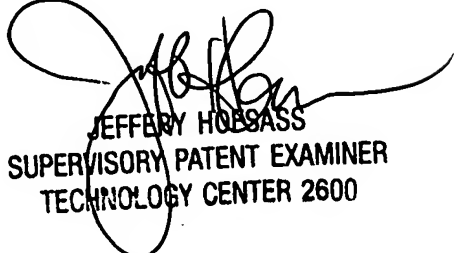
3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anne V. Lai whose telephone number is 571-272-2974. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am to 5:30 pm, Monday to Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hofsass Jeffery can be reached on 571-272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

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